

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the outstanding Office action, the Examiner found that the application was in condition for allowance, except for objections with regard to the spelling "triflourides" instead of "trifluorides" in line 14 of Claim 1 and the usages "claim" instead of "claims" in Claim 3, line 1.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that this application contains allowable subject matter. Prosecution has been closed on the merits in accordance with Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Applicants note that Claim 3 had been amended by Preliminary Amendment to remove its multiple dependency on Claims 2 and 3. The multiple dependency of Claim 3 from Claim 2 and Claim 3 was inadvertently reinstated when Claim 3 was submitted in its original form in the Request for Continued Examination filed October 20, 2003.

By means of the present amendment, Claims 1 and 3 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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